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In re PATENT APPLICATION Of:	)	Group Art Unit: 1638
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U.S. Serial No.: 09/700,349	)	
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Filed: March 16, 2001	)	
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING PLANTS	)	
HAVING AN INCREASED TOLERANCE	)	
AGAINST DROUGHT AND/OR FUNGAL	)	
ATTACK AND/OR INCREASED SALT	)	
CONCENTRATIONS AND/OR EXTREME	)	
TEMPERATURE BY THE EXPRESSION OF	)	
PLASMODESMATA-LOCALIZED	)	
PROTEINS	)	

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 2, 2003, in the above-identified case, please amend the subject application as requested below. The listing of claims found below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.